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WASHINGTON, D. C., DECEMBER 24, 1881.

Population of the National Capital .... 180,000.

Amusements To-Night. For the Boston "Transcript."

have been much dissatisfied with Judge Gray's nomination to the Supreme Bench, of which George C. Gorham said: "It was made on a forged will of the late James A. Garfield, presented for probate by George P. Hoar."—Boston Transcript

That is an exceedingly able-bodied falsehood. I have the highest respect for Mr. Justice Gray, and have not made a disparaging remark or entertained an unkind thought with reference to his apslur upon Senator Hoar is not mine.

The figure of "a forged will "has been used by me with reference to the common habit of some of the so-called "better class of Republicans" in their ravenous craving for office to pretend that the particular places they want are the same the late President had assured them they were to have. The phrase expresses my detestation of the mercenaries who have thus eagerly battened on the prostrate form of General Garfield while he yet lived, and on his remains since his death. It might be said of them :

They are neither man nor woman,

They are neither brute nor human, They are ghouls. It never occurred to me to class among them Judge Gray, who is universally held in highest esteem. It remained for his Boston neighbors of the superesthetical Transcript to descend to that,

THE opinion is gaining ground that the search for the North Pole is a cultivated

THE country expects the Elections Com mittee of the House to make short work with notorious frauds.

DESPITE the depressing influence of Democratic disapproval, the Administration faces the future with hopeful se-

THE memory of recent political events in Virginia will impart a pronounced corvine flavor to the Christmas turkey in many a Bourbon household.

As a break in a dam proves fatal to the entire structure, so the inroad that has been made on Bourbonism means the They have schemes on hand now for a speedy demolition of Southern solidity.

IF the Democrats in Congress really intend to invite "ex-President Tilden" to visit the Capital and accept an ovation this holiday season would be the proper

Somenopy has told Mr. Tilden that there isn't any Santa Claus, and that guileless old child feels so disgusted that he will not hang up his stocking this

Dorsar exeltation is the normal condition of a Democratic minority. That last year. All this is intended party has never learned how to submit for with grace and dignity to the rule of the tion in truth. The President has majority.

POSTMASTER-GENERAL JAMES accompanied President Arthur to New York on Thursday. So did the train conductor Pullman car.

THE British navy is making immense additions both to its armored fleet and its cruisers. This fact is not unworthy of serious consideration in view of possible contingencies.

WHEN Isaac was born Abraham and Sarah were older than the average Bourbon. Hence we argue, from analogy, that there is still hope that the Bourbon mind may yet bear a rich crop of modern ideas.

Those neutral newspapers that never dared attack a living man till Guiteau came on the stage will be compelled to fall back on their safe old victim, Judas Iscariot, as soon as the assassin is disposed of.

It is easier to create a hundred useless offices than to abolish a single sinecure. But if the public money is to be given away it were better to do it squarely without any flimsy pretext of service rendered in return.

THE Democracy will find in Speake Keifer no better friend to their free-trade tions than they found in Speaker Ran-A. Let them be consoled by the soothag sentiment of the old epitaph com-

please us." Or all the protests against the new version none have exerted so powerful an influence as the utterances of the venerable Thurlow Weed. Even the most egotistical of scholastic experts feel like giving place to a man who corrects the text to make it harmonize with his recol-

lections.

Mr. Eaton's tariff-commission bill was same proposition, under the name of the Morrill bill, is stoutly opposed by that public enemies-not frauds or swinacrobatic organ. Mr. Eaton was a Democratic Senator, Mr. Morrill is a Republi- the money-kings. can Senator. This is the great principle involved.

Mr. Chalmers is profoundly interested judiciary, but he ought to lift his intellect from that great question long enough to let the anxious country know how many colored voters can be driven from a polling-place by the skillful use of a bushel of cow-itch pods.

The Administration.

The Bourbon press, seconded by ain nondescript newspapers of the New turbances of last spring, notwithstand-South. The Republicans who said the to his horse, buttered his hay." Southern Bourbons were all lambs and their political opponents all wolves did not make their first appearance in 1877. They were pulling back on General Grant's administration from the time he refused to give Carl Schurz the Federal patronage with which to run a political spoils machine for his own personal use in Missouri in 1870.

The Ku-Klux horrors of years ago in the far South, abundantly proven by the testimony of ex-confederates and the frequent plea of guilty by the offenders themselves, were scoffed and jeered at as fables by the party leaders who obtained power and place by means of them. There then arose a class of doughfaces and sycophants in the Republican party who falsely pretended to believe the Bourbon side of the story. They became accessories to the political crimes

at the South by their mean efforts to screen the offenders. They will never forgive the men who then saw through their hypocrisy and depravity. They are loud pretenders to goodness, but they were then base deserters of truth, liberty, and humanity. They carried with them many thousands of Republicans who thought they were telling the truth. The New York Tribune became the most shameless journalistic prostitute in America, and carried to the Republican pointment. It follows, of course, that the homes of New York and New Englandin which it had for years been a welcome visitor and a sound advocate of truthan unceasing stream of falsehood, malice, and moral and political poison. Now that it is forced by self-interest to wear a Republican mask, it often refers to the past in terms which give the lie to what

it was teaching during that past. In this infamous work it had the aid of other great newspapers and of some public men. Since those days the Bourbon leaders have lost their hold upon many thousands of their followers. Now it is no longer denied that great crimes have been committed in the South by violent partisans of the Bourbon organization, and fair-minded men are breaking away from its control. The Republicans who did not defend and sympathize with the outrages upon Southern black voters are Stalwarts; the doughfaces, who fawned upon Bourbon leaders then, and do still, are unworthy the name of Republicans at all. The great body of the Republicans of the country were trying to get at the truth in those days. The New York Tribune, Chicago Tribune, Cincinnati Commercial, Springfield Republican, and other journals of easy virtue were trying to make them believe a lie, and their foul work did great harm in misleading and confusing the public mind. It is these same disturbers who now cry out against President Arthur and accuse him of building up the Stalwarts. They are haters of the Republican cause. They tolerate the party only to the extent they can debauch it and use its power for its own destruction. They are on the best of terms with the Bourbons. They deprecate all political earnestness,

disruption of the party, and are cor

with wrath because the people stand by

the President. They are toward him as

the Wolf toward the Lamb in the fable.

quarreling because the latter muddied the stream above the point at which he was drinking. Failing to see anything in the President's course deserving censure, they meanly intimate that he is making distinctions between last year's friends and opponents of General Grant They use the word Stalwart as applicable only to the supporters of General Grant mischief. It has no foundano thought of recognizing factional lines. He is a high-minded, wise, and magnanimous man. He will not devote his term to "getting even" with and the useful gentleman in charge of the the paltry blackguads who denounced him in the spring as a loafer and in the summer as an assassin. They could not crawl high enough in twenty years for him to look down far enough to see them. He will not move aside from his just, moderate, and broad policy under any provocation or for any purpose. The ceople know him now and will give no heed to his vilifiers. He is not for a third term for anybody, nor for any kind of a term for anybody except the present term. He cannot be assailed successfully for having called to his Cabinet Folger, Frelinghuysen, Brewster, or Howe. The views of these men on public affairs, and their capacity to deal with them, are all that greatly interest the country. How they would have voted if they had been delegates in some party convention does not appear to be greatly exercising the public mind. No amount of vociferation about third-termers will hurt anybody. Nobody believes that any ex-President is or will be a can-

seek to stir upstrife by making party tests of the names of individuals. MEN who have made millions watering stocks and various other demencing, "We can't have everything to vices for robbing labor, and have invested their immense fortunes in bonds that are not taxed, are reading the air with wild shrieks of rage because a part of our surplus revenue has been paid out as pension arrearages-paid to fill the gap between date of injury or death and the date when payment began under the old law. It is a binding obligation for the Government to provide for ... e payment of our bonds, principal and interest, but the men whose patriotic sacrifices warmly supported by the Post, The and sufferings made those bonds all that they are more than waste paper are not

didate for the Presidency. No one will

fail to see the real motive of those who

Our esteemed contemporary, the Post, is, fearfully wrought up over the wrongs inflieted by Speaker Keifer on various in a project for reorganizing the Federal Republican members of the House. Yesterday it confessed to having gone off at half-cock in its comments on the Committee on Elections. It had charged that there was but one Democrat on that committee, but, finding four, it apologized to He was, while in this country, a terror to the the Speaker and the three Democrats it samily with which he lived,

dlers. They have some rights as well as

had classed as Republicans. But this grief of the Post over the Speaker's awful treatment of Republicans almost shakes York Tribane stripe, are wasting a good | that journal's allegiance to the Repubdeal of printer's ink just now in an en- lican party. One knows not which most deavor to create a disturbance in the Re- to admire, the hard work exhibited in publican party by carping at President | the Post's column-a-day of careful figuring Arthur. They have much to say of Stal- as to which States have too much and warts and Stalwartism. They endeavor which ones too little, or the tender reto limit its application to factional dis- frain of sympathy with misused Republican members and States which runs ing the fact that Mr. Blaine recently through the whole. The able editor of claimed to have used the word stalwart our esteemed contemporary has a too as early as 1877. He then used it to dis- tender-hefted nature for the harsh world tinguish earnest Republicans from those wherein Speakers move. He is perhaps who were selling out to the Bourbon kin to the man "that, in pure kindness

A Bold Democratic Editor. The Vicksburg Herald, the most widely circulated and influential Democratic paper published in Mississippi, referring to a meeting of Greenbackers recently held in this city, for the purpose of de vising means to counteract the stupendous and shameless frauds perpetrated in that State, whereby the People's ticket was "counted out," says that the meeting wisely resolved when it de-termined to abide the result of the late election as declared, and not to resort to setting up an opposition government. The remedies suggested by this Democratic organ for the evils known and uni versally admitted to exist are so sensible that we here give them in its exact lan-

While the courts, State and Federal, ought to ounish ballot-chesting, the people must be rolle on to put it down. If popular sentiment is righ and it is growing better all the time, there will be no trouble about the courts not doing their duty; but it is exceedingly difficult for them to do it in

opposition to public sentiment.

Let the House kick out such frauds as Chalmers and let honest Democrats assist in doing it. If this is done it will greatly ald the growth of sound

WE do not insist that the colored men of the South shall vote for any particular set of candidates or with any one party. but we do demand-and the Stalwart sentiment of the country decrees-that they shall vote as they see fit and have their ballots honestly counted. There can be no lasting peace, no rest for the Bourbon soul, until this is secured.

ALTHOUGH the Baroness Burdette Coutts-or, more properly speaking, Mrs. Bartlett-gave up a large part of her fortune in order to secure the husband of per choice, the good woman hopes to be able to worry along on her reduced insome of \$375,000 a year, provided there

Freaken Keipen's name in German means

OSCAR WILDE calls his mother "mamma," He AYLWARD, the Fenlan, and secretary to Joubert, the Boer commander, has arrived in London. LONDON Speciator: "Prince Bismarck crushes

fied at Goshen, Ind. last Thursday, aged seventy-

We infer from the tone of the Chicago Tribuna that Medill has very little "Inflooence" at Wash-ington.—Globe-Democrat. NOTWITHSTANDING Burde to is lecturing and Hatton is postmastering, the Hawkeye is wide open and keen to see the news.

M. SARDOU married for love a tall, graceful lady, with a profusion of fair hair, and who beame the mother of three children.

JUDGE HENRY TAULMAN, of the Circuit Court of Alabama, has resigned after seven years' service because of the inadequacy of the salary.

M. Grevy, it is reported, once said to dam-betta: "You will die in the skin of an insurgent; and M. Thiers once called the French Premier a SIRO DELMONICO, an uncle of Delmonico, the fa-

mous caterer, died suddenly in New York. He was manager of the "down-town" restaurant for many years. GARIBALDI is not the ignorant, uncultivated man that many people suppose him to be. He

knows many languages and many literatures, and he is well versed in mathematics. As a child he was contemplative, poetic, and fond of solitude. THERE is an odor of civil service reform in the notion of Thomas C. Acton, superintendent of the New York assay office, to be Assistant Treas-urer of the United States. If President Arthur isn't careful he will bring down upon himself the aises of the reformers,-Globe-Democrat.

MRS. LANGTRY, the English professional beauty, Mis. Langray, the English professional beauty, and friend of the Prince of Wales, having adopted the stage, will appear at Wallack's, in New York, early in January. The fast men of New York will of course run wild over her, and if she should happen to appear in tights the bald-heads would be apt to go quite crazy.

MR. JUSTICE MAULE, one of the ablest jurists that ever sat on the beach of England, used to sum up insanity pleas in murder cases in this way: Did the prisoner know what he was doing? And did he know that it was wrong? His lordship's treatnent of a case like Guiteau's would have been

ort, sharp, and decisive.-New York World. THE eightieth anniversary of the Greenwich (R. L) Acade my will be celebrated on Thursday, June 22, 1882. The Rev. A. K. Potter, D. D., of Springfield, Mahs., will deliver the oration; Dr. Henry E. Turner, of Newport, R. I., the historical address and Mrs. Mary E. Haseltine, see Edmond, a form graduate and preceptress, will furnish the poem. An authority says: "A kiss is a reflex action without the will being called into action; that the

sight of a blooming check acting upon the percop-tive end of the optic nerve is registered in a gang-tion as a sensation, and extenorises itself in the muscular act of kissing." Paste this item in your hats, girls.—Susan B. Anthony. M. GAMBETTA is said to be passionately fond of tenching, and the various problems connected with public instruction he has thought out. He

believes emphatically in the higher education for girls. He thinks that physiology should be taught in the primary schools, and he is bringing out a work on this subject which is to be sold at twenty Cuicago has a peculiar style of shoplifting. The lady," elegantly dressed, enters a crowded milli-tery store, where she tries on an expensive bon-tet. While she is looking at her appearance in

the mirror she modestly requests the saleswoman to have the elastic on the old hat changed. When the salesweman returns the "lady" and the new bonnet have disappeared. SENATOR HALE says that ex-Senator Hamlin accepted a fereign mission because he had never been abroad, and had long wanted a suitable op-

mission longer than twelve months or so, for there is nothing under the sun that could keep him away from the United States for four years." CHIN TAN FAY, a Chinese student in the family of Charles Phelps, of Hebron, Conn., about two years ago was sent back to China by the commissioners for general misconduct. A letter received a few days since from one of his fellow-students stated that Mr. Chinhad, since his return to China, displayed his ferocious disposition by murdering his father, for which act he has been beheaded.

PANCIES OF FASHION.

Shirring is out of favor. -Fans are of medium siz -Vells are not worn with pokes Opera cloaks are of moire plush.
 Brown furs are restored to favor.

-Black pearls are worn in mourning. -Pointed trains supersede square ones.
-New trays for eards are made of plush,

- Hangs must not extend across the temples. -Scrap-baskets are shaped like antique vases. -Sofa pillows of plush are labeled " Lean on me." -Mother Hubbard dolls are the favorite this year

-Feather fans have butterfiles and bees upon them.
-Breast feathers rival ostrich tips for small bon -Polonaises much bunched up are parts of new

-Antique neads, with Jeweled eyes, are the classes -New embroidered "spissbers" are mounted on

Nickel chatelaine watches for shopping are The new Oriental lace has the long stitches or -Ladies' rings have the stones set around the finger

-Tambourines decorated with hand painting are ed for bon-bon boxes.

Diamond collar buttons are preferred to brooches for ladies' linear collars.

 The absence of all jewelry is considered in better.

-Plush linings for cloaks are liked because they are light and almost as warm as for. A bow of wide ribbon with long ends hanging behind is added to the cups of nurses. -Satin fronts of dresses are in honeyouth a head at each corner of the design.

-Siecves slightly gathered into the armhole ar nore stylish than those made with pulls. -Slender Vonetian chains are the only gold chains now worn around the neck with pendants. -The cat's eye, with a white streak across it, is avorite stone for gentlemen's scarf-pins or rings.

—The sleeves of ball dresses are still very short, be ng generally nothing more than a ruffle, edged with

aco,

—Black velvet suits, with large white embroidered offers and black silk stockings, are worn by small oys.

-Velvet, either plain or brocaded, is the favorite naterial for the basque and train of reception and

Turties, crabs, elephants, porcupines, and frogs or amount of the paper weights, blotters, penracks, and akstands of bronze or gitt.

—A new lace seen on imported dresses has the lowers of white lace applied to black tulle in a most

effective way, effective way.

—A new eccentricity in dress fabrics is a woolen stuff with a plain ground, on which animals' heads are embroidered or printed; for example, foxes' heads in black on a chamols ground, some six inches apart, making the dear things look like a waiking

enagerie. —Instead of the stiff and heavy draperies formerly —Instead of the stiff and heavy draperies formerly med on the upper park of the corsage of ball dresses, the neck is now cut low and bordered with pleated tulle or frilled lace, surmounted by a light edging set upright. A garland of light flowers with finely-out leaves set among the lace is charmingly effective. The low corsage is laced in the back, cut square in front, and hollowed out alightly in the middle.

able to worry along on her reduced insome of \$375,000 a year, provided there is no unusual rise in fuel or garden truck.

Although dur District courts furnish almost daily illustrations of the sad and sickening infelicities of married life, the Court of Hymen is driving a brisk business hereabouts. One of our city clergymen has realized \$16.85 in fees and three dozen fresh eggs for the marriage of twenty-three couples during the year.

Mr. Chalmers reasons illogically if he supposes he can strengthen his hold on another man's seat in the House by introducing a large number of bills. Political burglary, like that which has to do with cash and goods, is most successful when quietly prosecuted.

While we don't desire war with any power on earth, we ought not to be utterly incapacitated for self-defense.

PERSONALITIES. Beyond All Precedent.

Not to Be Porgetten. Heads of Departments, superintendents of public buildings, and commandants of navy-pards, &c., should keep in view the law of the land as taid down in the Revised Statutes, Sec. 1754, to wit:

Size. 1754. Persons honorably discharged from the mittary or navul service by reason of disability resulting from wounds or sickness incurred in the time of duty, shall be preferred for appointments to civil affices, pravided they are found to passess the outpress engacily necessary for the proper discharge of the duties of such affices.

The next section is not mandatory in its character.

view by all good citizens. Six: 1755. In grateful recognition of the services, accritices, and sufferings of persons honorably discountry, by one the military and muscul service of the country, by a constant of the services of the country, by a constant of the services of the country by a constant of the services of the country by a constant of the services. The services of the services of

Washington Light Guarda,

While the rain-storm was at its worst on Thursday night, Washington Hall, on Capitol IIIII, was gay and bright with the little party of the W-shington Light Guard and their friends, who were determined to only the pleasant ovening promised them a week previous, when the hop was post-poned "on account of the weather." The hall had been very leautifully and tastefully decorated with large flags, which overhung every window, draperies, guns, drums, wreaths, and international signal flags, and it presented a very festive, laviting appearance. Those who insisted on being present despite the unfavorable weather had every reason to feel rewarded for their perseverance, for the small company who did so spent a pieasant evening, and the tune of "Home, Sweet Home" seemed to come much to early for every one.

The Vokes Family. The Vokes Family will commence an engagement at the National Theatre Monday night. The success of this party in New York may be estimated by the following extract from the New York World: The original and only Vokes Family, most ngile, versatile, and popular actors, singers, dancers, and pantominists, have begun anew the conquest of the American public under the management of Mr. John Stetson. They appeared at the Union Square Theatre last night in their ever-welcome, mirth-provoking extravaganza, Beiles of the Kitchen, in which Miss Victoria Vokes, Miss Jossie Vokes, Mr. Fred Vokes, and Mr. Fowden Vokes repeated their success of former years. The singing and The Vokes Family. their success of former years. The singing and dancing of Miss Victoria and Mr. Fred excited tremendous applause, and the funny business of the piece keps the audience in a roar."

A Raid on the Tin Horns. A Raid on the Tin Horns.

The small boy with the horn, that is so numerous in the streets about this time, came to grief last night. The police efficers laid hold of all these small ollenders that they could catch, took away their horns, and sent them howling home to their mothers. It was sad for the boys, a relief to the grown-taps, and in accordance with the law. But, after all, Christmas would not seem natural without these small nuisances, and it is a great pity that the authorities were reminded to enforce the law. The authorities have been known to wink at such infractions of the law, but last evening their optics were unfortunately rigid, and the children were deprived of their annual spree and the citizen of a cause of good-natured growling.

The Tabernacle Bassar.

Notwithstanding the gad weather the bassar and fair at Dr. Hicks' new church, corner of B and Ninth streets southwest, just south of the Smithsonian institute, has been well partonized by citizens from all portions of the city. The feature of the bassar is the "Pforida table," which contains objects of great interest from the "land of flowers." Among the articles displayed are sas fans, resurrection plants, coral frees, shell jewelry, an endless variety of sea shois, sea eggs, bleeding teeth, deep-sea moss, velvet sponge, rose coral, &c., all of which are from the waters that wash the Florida coast. The bassar will continue for two weeks, and bids fair to be eminently successful.

The Champton, Judging from the looks of THE NATIONAL RE-Judging from the looks of THE NATIONAL RE-PUBLICAN, that paper seems to be booming under Mr. George C. Gorham's management. It calls it-self "the champion newspaper of America in the readjustment of politics in the late Solid South." What does this mean? The statement that the paper contained nearly four thousand more ad-vertisements during the eleven months ending November 30 than In the corresponding period last year speaks for itself.—The Day, New London, Cons.

Hon, B. K. Bruce, Register of the Treasury, last evening gave an elegans dinner party at his revi-dence, on M street, in honor of the Hon, D. A. Payne, sanior bishop of the African M. E. Church, Annoing the guests were Hon, John R. Lynch, Hon, Frederick Douglass, Judge Tarbell, Rev. Dr. Crum-mell, William E. Matthews, esq., James Wormley, sq., Hev. Frank J. Grimke, Dr. Augusta, B. A. Jagby, csq., and William H. Smith, esq. Memorial Bospital.

A Spark.

A liar says that: "An editor wrote a personal about a young man going to spark his girl. When it was printed he was horrifled to see the letter'n' for the 'r' in the word spark."

THE PROBATE COURT.

Large Batch of Wills Pisced on File Yesterday.

The will of Eleanor C. Gillet was yesterday
placed on file. She bequeaths to Mrs. Elizabeth
if. McCleary her double mourning shawl and all
the household furniture except the Madison chair,
which is devised to Reginald Fendail. To Mrs.
Josephine Stoddard her watch, camel-hair shawl,
and Eco. To Mrs. Jane P. Montgomery, 2000. To
Lillie Hazelton her gold watch and chain and
gold cross. After a number of other similar bequests the will bequeaths the rost and residue
of the personal estate to Reginald Fendail, and
John D. Coughlan as administrator, to hold for
the benefit of her grandson Ransome H. Gillet.
The bond is \$24,000. Reginald Fendail administrator. Large Batch of Wills Pinced on File Yes-

ator. The will of William B. Kibbey, placed on file

The will of William B. Ribbey, placed on file yeaterday, bequeaths to his granddaughter, Bessie J. Kibbey, 565 shares of the stock of the Firemen's Insurance Company, of this city, and 130 shares of the stock of the Fremen's Insurance Company, of this city, and 130 shares of the stock of the Pranklin Insurance Company, of this city, all his estate and property, real, personal, and mixed, to Joseph H. Beiman, of Baltimore, and John P. Franklin, of this city, in trust, His wife is to enjoy all the incomes from his estate during her natural life, and upon her death all the proporty to goto Bessie J. Kibbey. At the death of the granddaughter the trustees are to reserve the collection of the rents and protect the same for her children, if there be any, until they are twenty-one years of age, when it will be divided between them. In case she dies without issue, then the executors will keep the property for the benefit and use of William B. Kibbey, grandson of the decased; and in case of his death without issue, for John B. Kibbey and his beirs. Two years after the death of Mrs. Sarah A Kibbey the granddaughter is to pay \$5,000 to William B. Kibbey, and one year later \$5,000 to John B. Kibbey. On the 5th of November, 1881, a codicil was made in which lot B, McCielland's subdivision of lots 2 and 3, square \$22, purchased after the will was drawn, was bequeathed to the wife. The bond of the executors is fixed at \$140,000.

The will of the late Lembert Tree, is subdivision of lots 2 and 3, square \$22, purchased after the will was drawn, was bequeathed to the wife. The bond of the executors is fixed at \$140,000.

The will of the late Lembert Tree, and keep the whole estate and lold the same for the cetate is to be divided equally between the children.

Mary A. Boyd, in her will, directs George H. Boyd, her son, to take charge of the whole estate and lold the same for the benefit of himself and the other children.

District Government Affairs.

There were no liquor licenses issued yesterday, and there will not be any more acted upon until next Wednesday.

The comployees of the District buildings will probably have holiday from to-day at tweive o'clock until next Tuesday.

The following persons have been appointed, at the request of the Secretary of the Interior, as special policemen of that Department for one year: Henry Fuller, captain; W. W. Bliss and W. J. McLaughlin, licutenants; Daniel Hopkins, John J. Beaty, Julius Gosch Casper, A. Weber, Jerome F. Daudoict, William Hunt, Maurice O'Brien, George C. Johnston, and James Brennan, privates.

Chief Instite Carter yesterday called upon the Commissioners, and proposed several alterations to the plans for the south frontage of the City Hall, with a view to increasing the beauty of the edifice, which will be considered by the Commissioners and referred to the architect for his consideration.

The proposition of Chief Cronin, that proprietors

The proposition of Chief Cronin, that proprietors of store-houses, factories, large buildings, and places of amusement of all kinds should be compelled to furnish the doors and windows of these establishments with fire-proof metal shutters, has been considered by the Commissioners and referred to the Inspector of Buildings to report whether any precedent can be found for inserting such a clause in the building regulations. Mr. Eutwisle will reply to this letter and give extracts from the building regulations of Philadelphia, New York, and Boston, compelling this precaution. The special assessment division has completed the revision of assessment gives a such as considered to the revision of assessment and the revision of assessment an

The special assessment division has completed the revision of assessments against alleys in square 460. Tax-lieu certificates have been issued by the chief of the special assessment division on the following: Square 348, Eleventh street; square 376, G street; square 388, Ehriventh street; square 365, Thirteenth street; square 466, F street; square 265, Thirteenth street; square 466, F street; square 65, Green street, Georgetown.

Building Inspector Entwisle, in answer to the communication of the Hon. J. D. McDill, in relation to the claim of Mr. Alfred Riohards, referred to him by the District Commissioners, reports that the contract for the receion of the public school building, known as the "Peabody," was signed by James G. Naylor, as contractor, and Alfred Richards and Thomas Lewis bondsmen, October 14, 1879. The contractor failed in business on the 22d of the same month, which caused a suspension of work on the building. The surety, Mr. Richards, on or about the 5th of the following month resumed work upon the building, and continued it until completed. There was no delay on the part of the District in any particu are rat any point after the contract was signed. He states that he is satisfied that Mr. Richards, in completeing the building, has lost the amount he claims, and he (the inspector) had placed his loss at \$9,000; but he does not think the loss was caused by the advance in material, but in the contract being taken too low. The Building Inspector says Mr. Richards should hase his claim on the facts, trusting to the honor effects interest and the contract promptly, and to the strict letter of its terms.

Temperance Matters,

A pleasant incident took place at the meeting of Friendship Division, Sons of Temperance, last night in the presentation to Mr. James E. Thompson, of the Patentoffice, of an elegant Sons of Temperance jewel. Mr. Thompson was the most formidable competitor of Mr. L. H. Jullien, the winner, for the jewel voted for at the recent fair of Friendship Division, and it was determined by his friends that he should not be entirely left, and so last night P. G. W. P. Mitchell made the presentation in a brief speech, filled with bright and witty saliles. Mr. Thompson happly responded, expressing his thanks.

Equal Division Sons of Temperance, at its session last night, decided to change its location on the first of Jamary, and will remove to the half at the southwest corner of Twentieth street and Pennsylvania avenue. The night of meeting will also be changed from Friday to Tuesday. The meeting last night was characterized by singular harmony, and a degree of carnestness was shown by the members which promises good success in their new departure. This Division is one of the oldest in the District, and many men now worthy citizens and holding good positions can date their upward progress to the fostering care of Equal Division.

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The Woman's Christian Temperance Union is as carnestly prosecuting the work of Gospel temperance and reform as ever it has been in the history of its organization. Since the national convention, so fully and favorably reported in the columns of the city papers, scores of Christian ladies have sent in their names as members. "Bands of Hope," "Fands of Hope," Woung Women's Unions," and auxiliary societies have been formed in many churches where the ladies have been cordially invited by the pastors. Recently a promising society of forty-five members was organized in Foundry Church, Mrs. Bishop Andrews identifying herself actively with ft. The Gospel meeting held every Sunday in Massonic Temple is one of deep interest, and aptritual power, and it is believed that the meeting to-morrow will be exceptionally attractive.

The Unity Club.

The meeting of the Unity Club last evening was at the residence of Mrs. Kate L. Bruce, 1400 K street. The elegant and spacious parfors were filled with a brilliant audience, comprising many of our best known literary and musical ameteurs. After a social reunion the following programme was most effectively rendered: Essay, 400. Horatio King, "Victorio;" plano solo, Miss Ella Bates, "Theme and Variations," Beethoven; Mrs. M. A. Naylor recited "The Jiners;" Miss Eva Mills sang "The Bend of the River," and by request, "The Cows Are in the Con; Miss Ella Bates, plano solo, Noctura-Ravina; Professor Edward C. Townsend recited "A Pint With Old Pete; "Professor Whipple sang "If I Were a Knight;" Professor Townsend gave "Mr. Wadsoo's Experience of Housecleating," Among those present were Hon, Judge Arthur MacArthur, Hon. H. S. Neal, of Ohio; Mrs. Neal, Hon. C. H. Reid, Professor Z. Richards, Colonel L. C. Tichenor and wife, Mrs. Horatio King, Mrs. Dr. Thomas Robinson, Judge Edmonds, Colonel W. H. Chase, Professor and Mrs. Gleveland Abbe, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. Mealas, Mrs. Nealy, Mr. and Mrs. John G. Mills, Mrs. E. J. Whipple, wife, and sister, Mrs. José Logan, of Roston; Judge Hayden, Mrs. Naylor, Mrs. C. Mills, Miss Eva Mills, Professor Townsend, Professor Missaens, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Babbitt, Mrs. I. R. Morell, Professor Ferrelt, John P. Lawrence, and Mr. Robert Bruce. The Unity Club.

Resstat Choral Society.

This society gave its second concert at Falls Church, Va., in the Columbia Baptist Church, on Wednesday eventing, and while the audience, owing to the inclement weather, was not so large as at the first concert, it fully equaled that in intelligence and approcation. The society, numbering twonty, were conveyed to Falls Church in closed carriages, and on their arrival found a bountiful supper, to which they did ample justice. The concert programme, which consisted of solos by Mrs. Bradford, Misses Kate Ellis, A. McMurray, and Messrs. W. H. Harmer and L. J. Myers, a duet by Misses D. and E. Domer, a double quartetto by Misses B. and B. Stokes, MoNary, and Vannatta, and Messrs. McFarland, Gasling, McAribur, and Harmer, a trio oy the Misses Domer and Mr. Harmer, and five choruses by the full strength of the society was very warmly received, all the solos being redesmanded with a persistency that would take no refusal. At the close of the concert the members were taken in charge by Mesdames Berry, Bartlett, Gaither, Graham, Gaiplo, Everett, Steeve, and Wheeler, and treated with that hospitallity for which Virginia is famous all the world over. The society returned to the city Thursday morning. The megualified success of the cancert was due to the efforts of the able and efficient conductor, Mr. E. E. Tracy, assisted by Mr. E. I. Shope as planist.

Masonie Presentation.

The meeting of Eureka Royal Arch Chapter, No. 4, last night was made of peculiar interest by the presentation to Past High Priest Marcellus Garding of an extremely handsome jewel of solid gold, in the form of a breastplate, with twelve precious stones placed over the points of union. It was manufactured by Mr. S. A. Sawtelle, P. H. P., of Eureka Chapter, at a cost of 800. The presentation speech was made by P. H. P. Will A. Short, and Mr. Gardner made a feeling and appropriate reply. Mr. Gardner also extended an invitation to his fellow members to meet immself and wife at his residence on New Year's night. It is incediess to remark that the invitation was promptly and cordially accepted.

STAGE NOTES.

Patti's four concerts in Boston yielded about \$40,000 Miss Genevieve Ward has been elected a me f the New York Borosis,

Edwin Booth is packing the Park Theatre, Bosto with the most cultured of the Hubites. Grace Courtland, the so-called "Witch of Wall Bookstone took "A Serious Family" from which lurnand took "The Colonel," from "Le Marie a la

'ampbell's new play, which he is to bring out in De roit, Mich., next week. Nat Goodwin is said to have lost \$3,000 at billiards buring his recent engagement in St. Louis. Nat hould stick to the cues of his part.

Miss Genevelve Ward has been meeting with aplendid success this season in "Forget Me Not." It is to be hoped he will be seen here during the season.

Henry Irving, at the close of his orgagement in Edinburgh, Scotland, was presented with a gold repeating watch, formerly belonging to John Philip Kemble.

Kentible.

San Francisco has been advertising itself by giving Joseffy a silver wreath so elaborately constructed that he will take pride in exhibiting it everywhere, thus advertising San Francisco.

Two thick votumes of interesting MSS, belonging to Mendelsabon have been discovered at an antiquary's in Berlin. They contain copies of letters and biographical notes and sketches.

A new tragedienne has appeared who is said by Western journals to be young, beautiful, and talented. Her name is Rochelle, and a company is being form to star her through the country. Clars Louise Kellogg, who recently concertized in Lincoln, Neb., ang on Sunday at the pentientlary, thereby inflicting a punishment upon the convicts not commerated in their sentences.

Mr. John Mctuilough has been playing John How-ard Payne's tragedy of "Brutus; or the Fall of Tar-quio," at the Pith Avenue Theatre, New York, and has scored another auccess by his impersonation of the

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There is considerable agitation in European musical circles over a statement made by George Grove, that another symphony by Schubert is probably in existence somewhere in Austria, and possibly in the archives of the Musikverein of Vienna.

The company engaged for Anna Dickinson by Simmonds & Brown includes Mrs. F. M. Bates, Julia De Young, L. P. Rand, Percy Hunting, Mrs. Jamieson, Charles Overton. B. F. Mattack, and J. W. Archer. The tour opens in Rochester, N. Y., January 19, 1882.

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Mr. Herndon Morsell is making a decided hit in the tenor role of "The Musketeers." The new Boston Opera Company, which is presenting this opera, is under the control of Miss Ober, who is also the proprietor of the Ideals. The company is at Providence, R. L., to-night.

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An actor in an interview with a New Oriceans re-porter recently stated that he was once playing Romeo to Miss Anderson's Jutiet, and while reciting her lines in an impassioned passage she stopped, and drawing out her pocket handkerchief, said to Romeo; "Walt a minute, there's a black speck on your nose; let me wipe it off." Romeo was "all broke up," and lost interest in his part for that night.

Mr. Lawrence Barrett produced his new play, 
"Pendragon," for the first time in Chicago. While 
there is some critichen as to the play, and certain curtailments are suggested, there is nothing in the papers 
of that city but unqualified praise for Mr. Barrett's 
carnest, conscientious, and thrilling acting as Prince 
Arthur. It is expected that "Pendragon" will be 
given here during Mr. Barrett's engagement. Materna has been engaged for a renewed term at the Imperial Opera-House, Vienna, extending until 1886, with the exception of the vacations. The salary is comparatively small, amounting to only \$7,200 per annum. Her American engagement, beginning April 15, 1882, comprises only sixteen concerts. All her travelling, board, and lodging expenses and that of at-tendants are paid and \$5,000 besides. She must return in time to be in Bayrenth in July.

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The Paris Figure states in regard to Liszt, that at an early date in his career, before he was worshiped by the whole world as the greatest living artist, he once announced a concert in a small Bayarian town. The audience numbered seventeen persons, all told. Instead of returning the money, however, Liszt invited them all to dine with him. "But, 'they replied. "we came to hear some music." "You will have that by-and-bye," said Liszt. So they accepted the invitation, and after dinner Liszt played for them until two a.m. The fire commissioners and building inspectors of the various cities have been reminded by the terrible disaster in Vienna that a similar catastrophe might n time to be in Bayreuth in July. issaster in Vienna that a similar catastrophe migh occur it a fire should break out in one of the large theatres in this country, and so they have been in-apecting and suggesting additional facilities for escape in such an event. This is simply a sporadic increst on the part of these officials, and it need hardly be expected that any real reform in the means of exis and entrance of a theatre will be made until some and experience gives a terrible lesson.

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His Progress from the Backwoods of Maine to the Cabinet.

The Hon. Timothy O. Howe was born in the backwoods of Maine sixty-five years ago. His native town, Livermore, possessed one or two flouring mills operated by the rapids of the Twenty-Mile River, several saw mills, two or three hundred inhabitants, and a single school-house, in which only reading, writing, and arithmetic were taught; and in this school the new Postmaster-General received what was then considered sufficient education to carry him through life. He studied law, and at the age of twenty-three was admitted to the bar. He was an ardent Whig in early life, and a great admirer of Henry Clay, and on that platform he was, at twenty-nine, elected to a seat in the State Legislature, which he quitted after a few months to go to Green Bay, Wis., there to resume his own profession. Wiscousin was then inhabited very largely by Indians. Mr. Howe became judge of the Circuit Court, then judge of the Supreme Court, and finally chief justice of the State. When the Legislature of 1857 met of the State. When the Legislature of 1857 met of the State and the Legislature of 1857 met of the State when the Legislature of 1857 met of the State when the Legislature of 1857 met of the State decause he retused to subscribe to a Republican cancus resolution to the effect that each State was the final judge of the constitutionality of the laws of the United States. The outbreak of the rebellion was a vindication of Judge Howe's position on the State Rights issue, and in 1861 he was triumphantly elected to the United States. The outbreak of the trebellion was a vindication of Judge Howe's position on the State Rights issue, and in 1861 he was triumphantly elected to the United States. The outbreak of the trebellion was a vindication of such research in which he served the twe several consecutive terms, retiring in 1879. In that year he was defeated for a further, the the State Rights issue, and in 1861 he was triumphantly elected to the United States Senate, in which he served three consecutive terms, retiring in 1872. In that year he was defeated for a fourth term, the vote in the caucus being about equally divided between him, E. W. Keyes, and ex-Senator Matthew II. Carpenner, who eventually was elected after a protracted and bitter struggle. In March last he was appointed by President Garfield as one of the three American delegates to the Monetary Conference in Paris last summer. He returned to this country, because of the Illness of his wife, before the futile deliberations of that body were brought to a cless. The best indication that the new Postmuster-General is a thoroughly housest man is the fact that his appointment does not meet with the tayor of the New York Pricans.

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To the Editor of This Rependican:

We have heard a great deal lately of the pernicious effect of infidelity on the Republican party. But we believe that Christianity, as taught at the present day, has had more to do toward demoralizing the party than anything else. It teaches, no matter what crime we may commit—rob, ite steal, or even murder—if we are sorry afterward and believe in the atonement, we are saved. Charles Guiteau, the miserable assassin, is a sirking litustration of this belief. On the other hand, no matter how good, how pure, or how moral we may be, unless we believe in the efficacy of the blood of Jesus Christ, whether we can or not, we are doomed to eternal punishment. Such doctries must have a demoralizing effect on the masses of the people. Then again, Jetovah says: "Jacob have I loved and Easu have I hated," even before they were conceived in their mother's womb. Who char believe the Maker of this vast universe to be the author of that language? No one ever could if they were not drilled into it from infancy to manhood and womanhood. The sooner the laboring classes are freed from mental bondage the sooner view will rid the drones from the great hive of industry, for they sip the Boney while the people starve. The people must be organized and educated. "Oh f that is all very well," says one, "but how can that be done? the laboring man has no time for that; his weekly pay will hardly make both ends meet; he has no means to buy hooks, even had he the time to study them." But there is a way to do everything if you can find it out, I would seem and educate them through lectures, teach them to think and reason for themselves. They have time for that kind of instruction on Sunday. "What!" thunders a voice from the pulpation has can't you going to arraign the Great Jehovah at the bar of carnal reason." That is our unpardonable sin. The devil puts that in your head; don't listen to it, or he will have you, body and soul both." "The Blooting c

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